# GENEALOGY OF THE MIDDLEBORO THATCHER FAMILY

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Thatcher

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THACHER PETER (England) abt 1545-1624

born - about 1545 probably Somerset; England
married -
died - prior to 07 May 1624 Queen Camel; Somerset; England
Father -
Mother -
Wife -
born -
died -
father -
mother -
Children - Peter Thacher born - about 1587/8
Anthony Thacher born - about 1588/9
John Thacher born - about 1590/1
Giles Thacher born - about 1592
Thomas Thacher born - about 1595

HISTORY

Records for this early period of England are sketchy and often written in Latin. The first record of this Peter Thacher is a record of the "institutions of Incumbents in Somersetshire". Under the date 04 December 1574 it lists Peter Thacher (Pet Thatcher) "cler, per mort William Waller, Cammell" This indicates that he was clergy at Queen Camel on that date and from other records we know that he was Vicar of that church from that date until his death in 1624. No records have been found to name his wife or parents. It is thought that Peter was a descendent of one of the various Thacher families of Somerset but he could have been from one of the other adjacent shires which also had Thacher and Thatcher families at that time.

The parish record for Queen Camel during the period when Peter was vicar is missing and many of the blanks in our history of Rev. Peter could be answered by that record, if found.

INFORMATION SOURCES

1 - Thatcher - Thacher Genealogy by John R. Totten. Published in the journal of the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, 1910-1915.
2 - Thacher. A family history by Elwood Thacher of Winter Haven, Florida tracing select descendents of Rev. Thomas Thacher

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|---|---|
| born - about 1588/9 | Queen Camel; Somerset; England |
| married -1- 1619 | |
| married -2- Feb 1635 | |
| died - between 30 Jun-22 Aug 1667 | Yarmouth; Mass. |
| Father - Peter Thacher | about 1545; England |
| Mother - | |
| Wife -1- Mary | |
| born - | |
| died - Jul 1634 | Salisbury; Wilts; England |
| father - | |
| mother - | |
| Children - William Thacher | born abt 1620; died 15 Aug 1635 |
| Edith Thacher | born 01 Feb 1622; died 15 Aug 1635 |
| Mary Thacher | born about 1625 ; died 15 Aug 1635 |
| Peter Thacher | born about 1630 ; died 15 Aug 1635 |
| Benjamin Thacher | born 13 Apr 1634; died 01 Sep 1639 |
| Wife -2- Elizabeth Jones | |
| born - | |
| died - after Aug 1667 | ?Yarmouth; Mass. |
| father - | |
| mother - | |
| Children - John Thacher | born 17 Mar 1638/9; Marblehead, Mass. |
| Judah Thacher | born about 1640; ? Yarmouth, Mass. |
| Bethia Thacher | born about 1645; ? Yarmouth, Mass. |

HISTORY

Anthony is thought to have been born in Queen Camel; Somerset; England since his father was a resident of that village all of his life. We have no information on the education of Anthony but we do know that he trained for the ministry and was curate under his father at the church in Queen Camel until his father's death and then held the same position under his brother Peter at St. Edmund's church in Salisbury. The exact date of his move from Queen Camel to Salisbury is not known and the parish registers for that period of time are missing. The only exact dates that we find recorded are the birth of his son Benjamin in 1634 and the death of his first wife the same year.

It is assumed that shortly after the death of his first wife, he reached the decision to go to America. He married for the second time just prior to leaving England and left his youngest child in care of his brother, Rev. Peter Thacher. Anthony is listed on the passenger list as by occupation a "tayler" with this listing apparently due to the religious persecution of individuals of the Puritan leaning. He was accompanied on the "James" by his new wife and his four children of his prior marriage, his nephews Thomas and Peter (children of his brother Rev. Peter) and by his "cousin" Rev. Joseph Avery and family. After arrival of the "James" in America, probably at Ipswich, Mass., the family stayed there for a short time. Rev. Avery then received a call to preach in Marblehead, Mass and with his family of eleven and Anthony Thacher, his wife Elizabeth and children William, Edith, Mary and Peter left Ipswich on 11 Apr 1635 by ship for Marblehead. The ship was wrecked by a severe storm and all aboard drowned except for Anthony and his wife. A soul rendering letter from Anthony to his brother Peter Thacher in England written just a few days after the wreck is recorded in the book, Thatcher - Thacher Genealogy by John R. Totten on page 89-91.

After the wreck, Anthony and his wife lived in Marblehead for a time until about 1638 when we find him listed in Yarmouth. Records indicate that he was one of the first settlers and that he had a home there with his family in residence by 1639. Anthony was town clerk and town treasurer of Yarmouth

until his death in 1667. One interesting item is noted in the records of Yarmouth dated 1641. "Peter Thatcher haled before Court for running away from Anthony Thacher". This record is one of the few that indicated that Anthony's nephew, Peter Thacher, was still in America at that time and no other records exist to determine what became of him. Multiple records are found from Yarmouth and from Plymouth relating to Anthony Thacher during the period 1639-1667. Anthony Thacher was very prominent in the proceedings of Yarmouth and was a respected citizen of early New England. Anthony died between 30 Jun 1667 and 22 Aug 1667 at which time we have a record of the inventory of his estate. Anthony died without leaving a will. His son John Thacher was appointed as administrator of his estate.

Anthony Thacher was buried on his own land in Yarmouth, not far from the marsh, by a little button pear tree situated near said marsh; which pear tree is said to have been planted by his own hands, and which was reported to be still standing in 1814. No grave marker is found either for Anthony or for his wife.

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1 - 'Thatcher - Thacher Genealogy' by John R. Totten. Published first in journal of the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, 1910-1915 and later in book form.
2 - 'The Thacher Family' by Peter Thacher published 1885.
3 - 'Thacher Genealogy' by D. W. Allen published 1872.
4 - Multiple other sources of early New England records.

THACHER JOHN 1638/9-1713

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|---|---|
| born - 17 Mar 1638/9 | Marblehead; Essex cnty; Mass. |
| married -1- 06 Nov 1664 | Marshfield; Plymouth cnty; Mass. |
| married -2- 01 Jan 1684 | Yarmouth; Barnstable cnty; Mass. |
| died - 08 May 1713 | Yarmouth; Barnstable cnty; Mass. |
| Father - Anthony Thacher | 1588/9; England |
| Mother - Elizabeth Jones | |
| Wife -1- Rebecca Winslow | |
| born - 15 Jul 1643 | Marshfield; Plymouth cnty; Mass. |
| died - 15 Jul 1683 | Yarmouth; Barnstable cnty; Mass. |
| father - Josiah Winslow | |
| mother - Margaret Bourne | |
| Children - Peter Thacher | born - 20 May 1665 |
| Josiah Thacher | born - 26 Apr 1667 |
| Rebecca Thacher | born - 01 Jun 1669 |
| Bethia Thacher | born - 10 Jul 1671 |
| John Thacher | born - 28 Jan 1674/5 |
| Elizabeth Thacher | born - 19 Jun 1677 |
| Hannah Thacher | born - 19 Aug 1679; died 11 Jul 1689 |
| Mary Thacher | born - 03 Aug 1682; died 07 Sep 1682 |
| infant child Thacher | born - ? ; died in infancy |
| Wife -2- Lydia Gorham | |
| born - 06 Nov 1661 | Barnstable; Barnstable cnty; Mass. |
| died - 02 Aug 1774 | Yarmouth; Barnstable cnty; Mass. |
| father - John Gorham | |
| mother - Desire Howland | |
| Children - Lydia Thacher | born - 11 Feb 1685; |
| Mary Thacher (2nd) | born - 05 Feb 1687 |
| Desire Thacher | born - 24 Dec 1688 |
| Hannah Thacher (2nd) | born - 09 Oct 1690 |
| Mercy Thacher | born - 23 Jul 1692; died 27 Aug 1692 |
| Judah Thacher | born - 20 Aug 1693 |
| Mercy Thacher (2nd) | born - 28 Dec 1695; died 22 Aug 1696 |
| Ann Thacher | born - 07 May 1697 |
| Joseph Thacher | born - 11 Jul 1699 |
| Benjamin Thacher | born - 25 Jun 1701/2 |
| Mercy Thacher (3nd) | born - 07 Feb 1702/3 |
| Thomas Thacher | born - 02 Apr 1705 |

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HISTORY

Hon. Col. John Thacher was born in Marblehead (then Salem) Mass. but moved with his parents to Yarmouth in the 1640's. Nothing is known of the early life of John in Yarmouth. Some confusion exists as to the correct date of his marriage to Rebecca Winslow. In a poem written by him at the death of Rebecca he indicates that they were married in 1661. It may be that their first child, born in abt 1662 was the infant mentioned above.

John was chosed a deputy to the General Court at Plymouth in 1668 and served until 1681 except for the years 1672,5 and 7. He was a selectman for Yarmouth for many years from 1668. From 1682-92 he was an Assistant to the Governor of Plymouth Colony. When the Plymouth Colony and Province of Mass. joined in 1692 he was elected as representative. He joined the Mass. militia and in time attained the rank of Colonel.

Multiple references to Col. John are to be found in the Early New England records and in particular the records of Plymouth, Yarmouth, Boston and Barnstable.

John died in 1713 at the age of 74. He was buried with military honors befitting his rank of Colonel in the Mass. Militia. A grave stone marks his grave but no stone has been found for his first wife, who we presume was also buried in Yarmouth. His second wife is also buried at Yarmouth with a gravestone marking her grave.

THACHER JOHN 1674-1746

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|---|---|
| born - 28 Jan 1674/5 | Yarmouth; Barnstable cnty; Mass |
| married - 10 Nov 1698 | Barnstable; Barnstable cnty; Mass. |
| died - 26 Mar 1764 | Barnstable; Barnstable cnty; Mass. |
| Father - John Thacher | 1638/9; Mass. |
| Mother - Rebecca Winslow | 1643; Mass. |
| Wife - Mrs. Desire Sturgis Dimmock | widow of Thomas Dimmock |
| born - 1666 | Yarmouth; Barnstable cnty; Mass. |
| died - 29 Mar 1749 | Barnstable; Barnstable cnty; Mass. |
| father - Edward Sturgis | |
| mother - Temperance Gorham | |
| Children - Abigail Thacher | born - 02 Nov 1699 |
| Elizabeth Thacher | born - 17 Jun 1701 |
| John Thacher | born - 25 Jun 1703 |
| Lot Thacher | born - 23 May 1705 |
| Fear Thacher | born - 28 Mar 1707 |
| Roland Thacher | born - 28 Aug 1710 |

HISTORY

Colonel John Thacher was born at Yarmouth, Mass. He was a soldier, Judge and Registrar of Deeds for Barnstable County, which office he held for nearly 30 years. He was a selectman at Barnstable from 1716-1724 and from 1735-1739. Colonel John is bureid in the Goodspeed's Hill, East cemetery in Barnstable, Mass. He died at the ripe old age of 90.

Desire Sturgis Dimmock was married first to Thomas Dimmock (Captain) with their marriage date about 1685. By her first marriage she had the following children: Mehitable, Temerance, Edward, Thomas and Desire Dimmock. Desire is buried probably at Barnstable but no stone has been found.

OTHER DATA

The will of Col. John Thacher is recorded. In this will he mentions his children - Abigail Hallett, deceased; Elizabeth Penfield(daughter of Abigail) granddaughter Mary Lothrop, deceased; son Roland Thacher; children of my grandson Lot Thacher, deceased; etc.

INFORMATION SOURCES

1 - 'Thacher - Thatcher Genealogy' by John R. Totten - pages 126-7
2 - 'Thacher Genealogy' by Allen - pages 35,37,38,42
3 - Barnstable cnty; Mass. records
4 - Barnstable Families by Otis - Vol I, page 281, 340, 401 and 414-5

THACHER ROLAND 1710-1775

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| | |
|---|---|
| born - 28 Aug 171[illegible] | Barnstable; Barnstable cnty; Mass. |
| married -1- 24 Se[illegible] 1740 | Barnstable; Barnstable cnty; Mass. |
| married -2- 15/16 [illegible]ep 1754 | Plympton; Mass. |
| died - 18 Feb 175[illegible] | Wareham; Mass. |
| Father - John Thac[illegible]er | 1674/5; Mass. |
| Mother - Desire St[illegible]gis Dimmock | 1666; Mass. |
| Wife -1- Abigail C[illegible]cker | |
| born - 02 Apr 172[illegible] | Barnstable; Barnstable cnty; Mass. |
| died - 31 Oct 175[illegible] | Wareham; Mass. |
| father - Timothy C[illegible]cker | |
| mother - Melatiah [illegible]ocker | |
| Children - Martha [illegible]aring Thacher | born - 19 Jun 1741 |
| Jerusha [illegible]acher | born - 03 Apr 1743 |
| Roland Th[illegible]her | born - 13 Mar 1745 |
| Sylvia Th[illegible]her | born - 16 May 1747 |
| Desire Tha[illegible]er | born - 27 Jul 1749 |
| Lucy Thach[illegible] | born - 27 May 1751; died 02 Mar 1772 |
| Abigail Tha[illegible]er | born - 20 Mar 1752; died 13 Feb 1775 |
| Wife -2- Mrs. Hannah Swi[illegible] Fearing (widow of Israel Fearing) | |
| born - 1724/5 | Sandwich; Mass. |
| died - 29 Jun 1774 | Wareham; Mass. |
| father - Moses Swift | |
| mother - Mary Foster | |
| Children - Hannah Thacher | born - 27 Jun 1755 |
| Lot Thacher | born - 03 Jun 1757 |
| Fear Thacher | born - 14 Mar 1760 |
| Elizabeth Thache[illegible] | born - 23 Sep 1762 |
| John Thacher | born - 26 Jan 1767 |

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HISTORY

Roland Thacher was born at Barnstable, Mass. It is probable that his full name was Roland Cotton Thacher as a letter written to him by his father in 1761 is address 'My dear son Cotton'. Roland was educated for the ministry as were others of his ancestors and he also attended Harvard College from which he graduated in 1733. He was the first pastor of the Church and Society of Wareham, Mass where he was ordained in 1740. He continued at this post until his death in 1775. He died in Wareham, Mass in 1775 at the age of 64 and is buried in the Parker Mills Cemetery.

His first wife, Abigail Crocker, was the daughter of a marriage of two Crocker cousins. Abigail died in 1753 shortly after the death of her two youngest daughters and is buried in Wareham, also in the Parker Mills cemetery.

His second wife, Mrs. Hannah Swift Fearing, is also buried in the same Parker Mills cemetery in Wareham, Mass.

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INFORMATION SOURCES

1 - 'Thacher - Thatcher Genealogy' by John R. Totten - pages 196-9
2 - 'Thacher Genealogy' by Allen - pages 37 and 43
3 - 'Barnstable Families' by Otis - Vol I, pg 246
4 - Barnstable, Mass. vital records

THATCHER - THACHER, Lot 1757-1833

FH T32T TOTTENS THATCHER, THACHER GENEALOGY
LOT

born - 3 Jun 1757
married - 1 - 14 Nov 1778 (intent) Wareham, Mass
married - 2 - Wareham, Mass
died - 4 Mar 1833 Rochester, Mass
father - Roland Thacher born 1710 in Mass
mother - Hannah Swift Fearing born 1724/5 in Mass
wife - 1 - FEARING, Abigail
born - 7 Mar 1759/60 Wareham, Mass
died - 19 Mar 1803 Rochester, Mass
father - David Fearing
mother - Huldah Cushman
children - Sarah, David, Harrison O., Charles Fearing, Lewis, Peter, Allen Crocker, Israel Fearing, Abigail, George, John, George
wife - 2 - MILLARD, Huldah
born - 1770
died - 8 Jul 1836 Rochester, Mass
father - John Millard
mother - Huldah Cushman Fearing (widow of David Fearing - above)
children - Albert G., Sarah

MASS R58v ROCHESTER, MASS, VITALS
Vol 2, pg 440 (deaths)
Abigail Thacher, wife of Lot 19 Mar 1803 - 44years old
George , son of Lot and Abigail - 13 Jun 1803 age 0/11/-
Huldah - wife of Lot - 8 Jan 1837 or 8 Jul 1836
Lewis - son of Lot and Abigail - 9 Feb 1811 23/-/-
Lot - 4 Mar 1832/1833 76 years of age
Sally F. - daughter of Lot and Abigail 22 Mar 1811 1/11/-
Albert Gardner - son of Lot and Huldah 7 Nov 1846 41/7/27 or 41/4/3

1790 Mass Census - # 182, Wareham town, Plymouth county
Lot Thatcher - 1 male over 16 - Lot
- 6 males under 16 - David, Harrison, Charles, Lewis, Peter, Allen, Is
- 3 females - Abigail, Sarah, Abigail

1810 MASS Census Index - Rochester, Plymouth Co. - Pg 182
Lot Thacher

L - P - 18 Jul 1933 lg - E- 17 Jan 1934

THATCHER - THACHER, Allen Crocker 1793- 1885

FH T32T TOTTENS THATCHER, THACHER GENEALOGY

| | |
|---|---|
| born - 17 Jun/Jul 1793 | Rochester, Mass |
| married - 7/8 Dec 1816 | Middleboro, Mass/Rochester, Mass |
| died - 13 May 1885 | Middleboro, Mass |
| father - Lot Thacher | born 1757 in Mass |
| mother - Abigail Fearing | born 1759/60 in Mass |
| wife - PEIRCE, Elizabeth Rounseville ~~Remington~~ | |
| born - 20 Nov 1796 | Middleboro, Mass |
| died - 27 Jan 1871 | Middleboro, Mass |
| father - Maj. and Dea. Levi Peirce | born 1773 |
| mother - Sally Bourne | died 1853 |
| children - Levi Peirce, Levi Peirce, Elizabeth Allen | |

MASS R58v ROCHESTER, MASS, VITALS Vol 2, pg 302
Allen C. Thacher and Eliza R. Peirce of Middleborough marriage intent 22 Nov 1816
marriage 7 Dec 1816

~~t~~owner of ~~Nemaset~~ Mfg. Co. at Middleboro, Mass
1830 Nemasket
Associates with Major Elisha Tucker and Major Levi Peirce

1880 living with son Levi Peirce Thatcher in Middleboro, Plymouth cnty, Mass

THATCHER - THACHER, Levi Peirce 1827- 1904

FH T32T TOTTENS THATCHER, THACHER GENEALOGY

born - 1 Mar/May 1827 in May — Rochester, Mass
married - 15 Nov 1849 — Boston, Mass
died - 4 Jun 1904 — Middleboro, Mass
father - Allen Crocker Thacher — born 1793 in Mass
mother - Elizabeth R. Peirce — born 1796 in Mass
wife - DARROW, Sarah A/M.
born - 23 Feb 1827
died - 26 Feb 1917 — Edgartown, MarthasVineyard, Mass
father - Charles Darrow
mother - Abigail Pease
children - Henry Lincoln, Georgiana Florence.

1880 MASS SOUNDEX - MIDDLEBORO, PLYMOUTH CNTY

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Levi (Loui) P. Thatcher | W/M/ | 53 (born 1827) | | born Mass |
| Sarah D. Thatcher | - wife - | 53 | | " |
| Florence Thatcher | - daug - | 10 | | " |
| Harry L. Thatcher | - son - | 29 | | " |
| Lucy F. Thatcher | - daug in law- | 28 | | " |
| Allan R. Thatcher | -grand son - | 3 | | " |
| Gordon Thatcher | - grandson - | 1 | | " |
| Allen C. Thatcher | - father - | 86 | | " |

THATCHER - THACHER, Henry Lincoln 1850-1930

FH T32T TOTTENS THATCHER, THACHER GENEALOGY

born - 6 Nov 1860 — Middleboro, Mass
married - 6 Jul 1876 — Edgartown, Mass
died - 14 MAY 1930 — MIDDLEBORO, MASS
father - Levi Peirce Thacher — born 1827 in Mass
mother - Sarah A/M Darrow — born 1827 in Mass
wife - HARLOW, Lucy ~~F.rancis~~ FRANCES
born - 25 Feb 1852 — Wareham, Mass
died - 29 AUG 1945 — SWANSEA, MASS
father - Ivory Hovey Harlow
mother - Mary Kinney
children - Allen Remington, Edward Gordon.

**CARR FAMILY GENEALOGY**

1880 MASS SOUNDEX - MIDDLEBORO TWP, PLYMOUTH CNTY

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Harry (Henry L.) Thatcher | w/m/29 | born Mass | |
| Lucy F. Thatcher - wife - | 28 | " | |
| Allen R. Thatcher - son - | 3 | " | - 14 MAY 1877 |
| Gordon Thatcher - son - | 1 | " | |

Allen

note - both Allen R. and Gordon listed with Louie (Levi) P. Thatcher as grandsons

"Printer"

THATCHER - THACHER, Allan Remington 1877 - 1948

FH T32T TOTTENS THATCHER, THACHER GENEALOGY

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Born | 14 May 1877 | Middleboro, Mass. |
| Married | 08 Oct 1912 | " " |
| Died | 06 Jun 1948 | " " |
| Father | Henry Lincoln Thatcher | born 1850 in Mass. |
| Mother | Lucy F. Harlow | born 1852 " " |

Wife Gladys Pearce Shockley
born 28 Jan 1891 New Bedford, Mass.
died 27 Mar 1985 Middleboro, Mass.
father Frederick Andrew Shockley
mother Emma Pearce
children Ronald Cordon Thatcher b. 07 Nov 1915

Brown University Class of 1900

Owner and manager of the Tahtcher Printing business in Middleboro.

THATCHER - THACHER, Ronald Gordon 1915 -

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Born | 07 Nov 1915 Middleboro, Mass. | |
| Married | 16 Aug 1941 " " | |
| Died | | |
| Father | Allan Remington Thatcher | born 1877 in Mass. |
| Mother | Gladys Pearce Shockley | born 1891 in Mass. |
| Wife | Louise Florence Morse<br>born 02 Oct 1921<br>died<br>father Ralph Chestney Morse<br>mother Carrie Agnes Randolph | |
| Children | Louronne Thatcher<br>born 08 Apr 1945 | |
| | Jane Ashley Thatcher<br>born 08 Apr 1947 | |

Ronald G. Thatcher operated the Thatcher Printing business in Middleboro from the 1940's until 1972, when he sold it in its centennial year.

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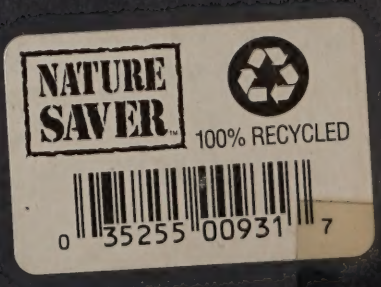
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